

THE PRISONER TESTIFIES

CLARK GIVES HIS SIDE OF THE MOFFETT SHOOTING AFFAIR.

He Says He Tried to Avoid the Preacher and Was Assaulted by Him—The Summing Up to Begin To-day.

DANVILLE, Va., Feb. 10.—Special.—The rain fell steadily this morning, and it was a cold, disagreeable rain, but it did not keep people from flocking to the court-house in great numbers to hear everything and see everything pertaining to the trial of J. T. Clark, charged with the murder of Rev. J. R. Moffett. The trial has now been going on since Monday, and at no time has public interest in it lagged in the least. Though the court was not opened this morning until 10 o'clock the hustings court-room was packed with people at 9 o'clock, and when the jury came in the services of additional officers were required to make a way through the dense throng for the jurors to pass.

Many people from all the surrounding sections are here with no business on earth except to attend the trial. After the opening of the court at 10 o'clock the defense continued examining its witnesses. W. S. Blackwell, of the store, and W. B. Oliver, all testified that they were at Blackwell's store late in the afternoon of November 11th and were present when Clark came in the store. Blackwell asked by the defense if he had paid the fine imposed on him on account of the fight he had with Moffett on election day, Clark replied he had not and did not intend to; that he had been fined for telling the truth and they could send him to jail if they wanted to, but it would be a dark day for North Danville when they did that. That all Clark saw as he went out of the store then, Adams and a man named Clark testified for the prosecution yesterday that in addition to the above Clark had referred to Moffett as a d-d second-rate preacher. These witnesses denied that. Frank A. Miller testified that J. H. Carter was not in his employ in November, and not in charge of his (Miller's) milk wagon. Carter had testified that he was driving Miller's milk wagon on the 11th, and while so doing heard Clark make certain threats against Moffett.

On cross-examination one of the witnesses said J. H. Hill, of North Danville, had approached him to ask about the conversation, and he gave Hill the same answers as he had given here. In answer to questions asked by the defense, Hill, collector of North Danville, an extreme prohibitionist, and had been exceedingly active in hunting up testimony for the prosecution in this case. Just then Hill was seen making his way toward the room in which the witnesses are being kept. Counsel for the defense addressing the court protested against the Commonwealth's Attorney making use of the witness room at this stage of the trial, after he had been allowed to remain in the court-room all heretofore. Counsel for prosecution said they did not know until just then that Hill was coming into the witness room, hence had not sent him to the witness room. Defense asked that he either be locked in a room to himself or kept in the court-room. Hill was allowed to remain in the court-room.

The defense then introduced Drs. B. Temple and B. M. Walker, physicians and surgeons, and the entire morning and afternoon was spent in the examination of these witnesses. The defense is now in regard to the operation performed on Moffett at the home for the Sick after he had been wounded. The examination and cross-examination of these witnesses was lengthy and interesting, and the whole question of the latter day surgery was discussed and the works and opinions of standard writers on the subject were brought into review and discussed. The defense is now in regard to the operation performed on Moffett at the home for the Sick after he had been wounded. The examination and cross-examination of these witnesses was lengthy and interesting, and the whole question of the latter day surgery was discussed and the works and opinions of standard writers on the subject were brought into review and discussed.

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Moffett continued to rush upon him, and the struggle continued until the policeman separated them.

A lengthy cross-examination Clark said it all he could do to keep his friends from attacking Moffett, but he had always urged them not to. He had been invited to attend the trial, and on that day difficulty, and he determined to let it drop. He contradicted the statements made by several of the Commonwealth's witnesses.

The probable testimony will be concluded early to-morrow, and the argument will begin by or before noon.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

F. R. Kent Arrested—Death of Burrell Bailey and Hugo Speck.

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Frank R. Kent, an employee of Adams Brothers & Paynes, of Lynchburg, at their brick plant here, is charged with the use of various sums of money given him to deposit in the First National Bank, and forging the name of the cashier, W. Shields, to certificates of deposit for the same. In every instance brought to light so far Kent's victims were ladies. He will have a preliminary hearing to-morrow.

President Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, is in the city, and will leave this morning in a special car for Chattanooga, Tenn. He says it has been determined not to appoint a successor to Vice-President Eddy, who goes to the Reading railroad on the 15th, at present.

The bad weather reduced the payroll of the Roanoke Machine Works, where 1,300 people are employed, to \$43,000 for January.

Intelligence has reached this city of the death at Clifton Forge of Burrell Bailey, an aged citizen of Crozet, Albemarle county, in the Chesapeake and Ohio yards. He was seventy-six years old, very infirm, and in crossing the yards was run over by an engine, and his body cut in many places. He was visiting his daughters, Mrs. Pugh and Miss Bettie Bailey, at the time.

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